



Town of Abington

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Board of Selectmen **781-982-2100**

Agenda **Board of Selectmen Meeting** **May 1, 2013** **Cotter Room** **6:10 p.m.**

Members Present: Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Ken Coyle, Tom Dion
Absent: Kevin Donovan

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion and appointment of an Interim Town Manager.

Contract with Rick LaFond was effective May 6, 2013. Rick is unable to start here until June 10, having to stay in Carver through their town meeting in June. Andy contacted Town Counsel, and it was his opinion that someone should be appointed until Rick starts. "The Town Manager shall be the chief financial officer of the Town, and shall be responsible for the design and preparation of the annual budget, filing grant applications, and controlling budget expenditures, including approval of the warrant and for the payment of funds prepared by the Town Accountant in accordance with the provisions of section 56 Chapter 41 of the General Laws." The Assistant Town Manager is now part of the Abington Managers Association. Andy has talked with Leo Provost, thinks he would do a great job, and has his full support to get us through this six week period. Leo is willing to take this on and is not looking for an increase in salary.

Tom – re balancing budget, he feels BOS should have input in the process. Go back to starting from this year's budget and go to each department if they have to cut. Not a fan of percentage cut.

The Financial Team is meeting with the Finance Committee. Board can meet next week if it would prefer that. Tom – endorsed Leo's appointment. Mike- we need a person to bring people together. The BOS received an e-mail from Dori Jamieson that she would be willing to take on the task, but would support whatever the board chooses.

If Leo is approved, the BOS needs to give Leo the option of letting the Board know if it is too much, and for the Board to make other arrangements. The Board is looking for cooperation between the departments. Ken suggested Leo be responsible for the budget, and Dori be responsible for the day to day aspects, and felt Board should meet at least once a week re budget. Andy – whoever is appointed to that position can delegate the day to day duties. Andy didn't think two people should have the title. Mike – the Financial Team and Finance Committee are very good and are aware of what is going on. Feels they can resolve the issues.

M/Dion to appoint Leo Provost as Interim Town Manager until Mr. LaFond starts on June 10

S/Franey

Leo Provost was in agreement.

Voted: 4-0

M/Franey that the Interim Town Manager may bring any matters normally brought by the Treasurer/Collector to the Town Manager to the Board of Selectmen

S/Coyle

Voted: 4-0

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

M/Franey to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

S/Dion

Voted: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Hurst".

Nancy Hurst